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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON DELEGATES TO CARICOM TALKS

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1. HERewith BRIEF BIO SKETCHES OF GOTT DELEGATES TO
SUBJECT MEETING:

(A) ERROL MAHABIR--MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, SINCE
FEBRUARY 1973; ALSO ONE OF THREE DEPUTY POLITICAL LEADERS
OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT (PNM). AGED ABOUT
42, HE PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN MINISTER OF LABOR (1967-73)
AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (1967-69). ONE OF THE FEW
EAST INDIANS PROMINENT IN PNM PARTY POLITICS, MAHABIR COMES
FROM SAN FERNANDO IN SOUTHERN TRINIDAD, IN THE HEART OF THE
SUGAR AND OIL AREAS. TOUGH, ABLE AND HONEST, HE IS RES-
PECTED BY PEOPLE IN MANY DIVERSE SECTORS OF SOCIETY.

(B) MORTLEY (SOMETIMES SPELLED MOTTLEY) DE PEAZA, PERMANENT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE--DPOB:
DECEMBER 13, 1922, ST. JOSEPH, TRINIDAD. EDUCATION:
CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE GRADE II; ONE YEAR PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION COURSE AT UWI, MONA CAMPUS. PROFESSIONAL:
CAREER CIVIL SERVANT SINCE 1954, SERVING AS ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER IN SEVERAL MINISTRIES; ORGANIZED THE ADMINISTRA-
TION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S DEFENSE FORCE. IN 1970,
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SERVED AS SECRETARY TO THE THREE-MAN REVIEW TRIBUNAL

ESTABLISHED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 1970 CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN TRINIDAD. ACTED AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN 1972, AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION IN FEBRUARY 1973.

(C) CECIL WYKE, CHIEF TRADE OFFICER, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE -- DPOB: NOVEMBER 8, 1914, TRINIDAD. EDUCATION: SECONDARY SCHOOL AND VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS. PROFESSIONAL: CAREER CIVIL SERVANT SINCE EARLY 1950'S. FORMERLY WAS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF LICENSING WHEN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ALSO INCLUDED AGRICULTURE, AND HANDLED ALL LICENSING OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. HAS SERVED AS CHIEF TRADE OFFICER SINCE 1963, A POSITION INVOLVING DAY-TO-DAY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

(D) EDWARD BRAITHWAITE, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WEST INDIAN AFFAIRS (POSSIBLE ATTENDEE-SEE POS 912)--CAREER CIVIL SERVANT, FORMERLY SERVED AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE UNTIL 1972. NOW IS CHARGED WITH A WIDE COORDINATING ROLE ENCOMPASSING TRINIDAD'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ITS CARICOM NEIGHBORS (THE PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF WEST INDIAN AFFAIRS IS HELD BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS). BRAITHWAITE IS REGARDED AS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ALL TRADE MATTERS, DUE TO HIS LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

2. PAO DONALD W. MULLIGAN ARRIVING 8:10 A.M. BWIA 400, FRIDAY, APRIL 26; ECON/COML OFFICER JAMES C. TODD ARRIVING 8:10 A.M. BWIA 400 SATURDAY, APRIL 27. MRS. MULLIGAN AND MRS. TODD ALSO TRAVELING AND THEREFORE DOUBLE ROOM RESERVATIONS REQUESTED FOR BOTH.
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